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Christopher G. Walls and Stanley R. Reeves ) This Application Claims the  
For: Spindle for a Door Handle Assembly ) Benefit of Provisional Patent  
Mailed: September 10, 2003 ) Application No. 60/409,784,  
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X 3 sheets of formal drawings (FIGS. 1-10)

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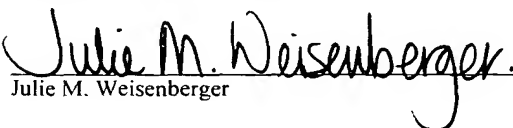
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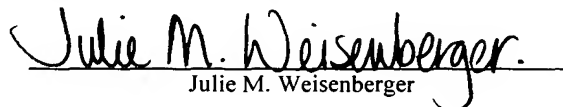
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